

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A modifier~~[[,]]~~ for a resin ~~having an average particle size of 20  $\mu$ m or more~~, comprising~~[[:]]~~ particles, wherein  
an average particle size of said particles, prior to irradiation, is 20  $\mu$ m or more,  
less than 30% by mass of ~~non-irradiated modifier~~ said particles having an average  
have a particle size of 10  $\mu$ m or less, prior to irradiation, and  
said less than 30% by mass of particles having a particle size of 10  $\mu$ m or less prior to  
irradiation becomes 30% by mass or more of ~~irradiated modifier~~ said particles having an  
average particle size of 10  $\mu$ m or less, said irradiation occurring via after being irradiated by  
an ultrasonic wave of 40 W for 5 minutes; and wherein  
the modifier, before being irradiated by the ultrasonic wave, is obtained by  
adding one or more copolymerizable vinyl-based monomers to a rubber  
polymer latex comprising an acrylic rubber,  
graft-polymerizing the copolymerizable vinyl-based monomers and the rubber  
polymer latex to obtain a graft copolymer having an average particle size of 600 to  
900 nm, and  
spray-drying the graft copolymer.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): A resin composition comprising 1 to 40% by mass of the  
modifier for resin according to claim 1 and 99 to 60% by mass (the total amount of both  
components is 100% by mass) of a thermoplastic resin or a curable resin.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): A molded article which is produced by molding the resin  
composition according to claim 3.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 1, wherein the one  
or more copolymerizable vinyl-based monomers are selected from the group consisting of an  
aromatic vinyl monomer, an alkyl methacrylate ester monomer, an alkyl acrylate ester

monomer, an unsaturated nitrile monomer, a vinyl-based monomer having a glycidyl group, and a vinyl-based monomer having a hydroxyl group.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 5, wherein the aromatic vinyl monomer is selected from the group consisting of styrene,  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene, a halogen-substituted styrene, and an alkyl-substituted styrene.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 5, wherein the alkyl methacrylate ester monomer is selected from the group consisting of methyl methacrylate and ethyl methacrylate.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 5, wherein the alkyl acrylate ester monomer is selected from the group consisting of ethyl acrylate and n-butyl acrylate.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 5, wherein the unsaturated nitrile monomer is selected from the group consisting of acrylonitrile and methacrylonitrile.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 5, wherein the vinyl-based monomer having a glycidyl group is selected from the group consisting of glycidyl acrylate, glycidyl methacrylate, allyl glycidyl ether and ethylene glycol glycidyl ether.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 5, wherein the vinyl-based monomer having a hydroxyl group is hydroxymethacrylate.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 1, wherein the total amount of the copolymerizable vinyl-based monomers used in the graft-polymerization is 5 to 50% by mass based on the total amount of the copolymerizable vinyl-based monomers and the rubber polymer latex.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 1, wherein the graft copolymer has a core-shell structure.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 13, wherein a core component of the graft copolymer has a glass transition temperature of  $-150^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The modifier according to claim 13, wherein a shell component of the graft copolymer has a glass transition temperature of  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$ .